

Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Revised Executive Director Report
January 23, 2006 (for 1/26/06 meeting)

Announcements

- Former State Treasurer Clark Dierks has been appointed by Secretary Brewer to replace Commissioner Kathy Detrick. We are excited about working with Mr. Dierks, but Commissioner Detrick's expertise will certainly be missed.
- Secretary of State Brewer's Staff will be handling the recruitment of the new Commission member who will be appointed to complete Tracey Bardorf's term (ends 1/31/09). We will independently advertise the opening on our website and encourage interested parties to contact the SOS office. By law, Secretary Brewer has 30 days from the date of resignation (1/13/06) to appoint a replacement.
- I am monitoring legislative bills with great interest. Already there are several bills regarding the Clean Elections Act.
- The District Court granted part of the State's motion in Shaffer v. CCEC, by finding the judgment "shocks the judicial conscience" and reduced the judgment by 40% to \$660,000. Mr. Shaffer can either accept this reduced judgment, or choose a trial on damages.

Participation

We currently have **59** participating candidates for the 2006 election cycle. On January 17, we issued our first primary funding check (to Secretary of State Brewer for \$95,550.00).

Budget

- The Fund Balance is \$26.2 million as of December 31st
- We received \$65,195 in tax donations in December and \$7,380 in tax donations for November. We received a total of \$190,850.00 in donations for the 2005 tax year.

Voter Education

- We have received nine applications to date, with the promise of more to come from previous sponsors.
- Participating candidate workshop ads continue to run weekly in The Capitol Times and the postcards continue to be sent out on a regular basis.
- As of 1/20/06 we have held 12 participating candidate and treasurer workshops. Two out of town workshops have been held; one in Kingman and the other in Tucson.
- I traveled to Prescott last Saturday to make a presentation to the League of Women Voters.

Staffing

- We are excited that Cindy Stutesman has joined our team on January 3rd in the Administrative Assistant II position. She is doing a great job.

Enforcement

Enforcement tracking spreadsheet will be included in the packets for more detail. Here are the updated totals:

- 2006 - 2 complaints filed and no action was taken. I will be reviewing the 2006 complaints as they arise.
- 2004 - 80 complaints total.
 - 2 under investigation (Cheuvront & Murphy).
 - 4 investigation complete, matters outstanding (Smith, Dial, Gowan & Hammann)
 - 74 completed and closed.